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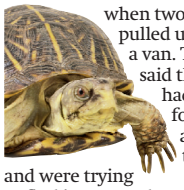
Miley kickin' it, hanging with ex Nick

So ends story of tortoise and the Hair

REUNION Turtles aren't known for their speed but that didn't stop a tortoise in Edmonton from an attempted getaway.

Judy Dehoog says her husband was outside when two men pulled up in a van. They said they had found a tortoise and were trying to find its owner, but they didn't have any luck, so one of the men — named Dirk Hair — took the turtle home and called a local radio station.



Dehoog says it wasn't long before a neighbour came out of her home looking for her pet tortoise Norbert.

Norbert and his owner have been reunited.

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6 hometown heroes

Rhonda Teitel-Payne plants seeds of change

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HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

Rhonda Teitel-Payne loves fresh, organic food. She has also devoted her life to ensuring that everyone has access to it — something that is often not the case, especially in urban centres.

"How do you talk to people about local, organic food when they can't even afford to buy any kind of food?" asks the urban agriculture manager for The Stop Community Food Centre in Toronto.

Located in the heart of Davenport West — one of the city's most marginalized and underserviced neighbourhoods — The Stop isn't like a lot of food banks that rely solely on donations, which generally consist of processed and preserved foods.

"Giving someone a bag of groceries and walking them out the door is not enough," says Teitel-Payne.

The Stop provides local residents with flavourful, fresh produce like French sorel, Brussels sprouts, chives and strawberries — all cultivated just a few blocks away in its community gardens.

Located in Earlscourt Park, the 8,000-square-foot gardens, along with The Stop's recently opened year-round greenhouse at the Wychwood Green Barns near St. Clair Avenue West and Christie, yield 1,800 kilograms of produce for its various food programs each year, which includes a drop-in breakfast café and a nutritional support program for pregnant women living with low incomes.

HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

Rhonda Teitel-Payne, urban agriculture manager at The Stop Community Food Centre in the Davenport West neighbourhood, shows off Brussels sprouts grown in their community gardens.

"Food is our priority, but also a community development approach to food," says Teitel-Payne. "It's not about charity. It's about bringing the community together and building skills."

The gardens are tended to by staff and volunteers who not only get to take produce home with them, but also learn lifelong skills of planting and preserving fresh produce.

"We want people to come to the garden and get their hands in the dirt. On a gorgeous day like today, it's actually really relaxing," says Teitel-Payne.

As one of the Toronto Community Foundation's 2009 Vital People winners, Teitel-Payne will receive a $5,000 grant June 23 in recognition of her ongoing contributions to The Stop.

Five more to admire

1. Jim Doholis, who raises $5,000 each year in The Toronto Challenge for the Almise Co-operative for seniors where his mom lives. His contributions over the years have helped lower the monthly cost of Almise's shuttle bus down to $3 per person from $18 per person.
2. The employees of Deloitte in southern Ontario, who, for one day each year, head out into their communities to participate in betterment projects. Last year, local teams not only sorted food at a crisis shelter, but also helped new immigrants update their resumés, and spruce up on their interview skills and job-finding techniques. Called Impact Day, this year's event will be held Sept. 26.
3. Ryan Rogers, a Torontonian who volunteers with the Toronto Intergeneration Partnerships — an organization that helps to close the gap between different generations and promote tolerance for people of all ages through various programs and events — teaching seniors computer skills and also acting as a youth adviser.
4. Mhad Yusuf, a Somali refugee who is the executive director of Midaynta Community Services, a Toronto-based organization providing settlement and support services to African refugees and immigrants to facilitate their integration into Canadian society.
5. Matthew Blackett, publisher of the magazine Spacing, has a big influence on how we consider public spaces in Toronto, shining the spotlight on the city's hidden urban gems.

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Man suffers serious burns in Toronto-area workplace accident
The Ministry of Labour is investigating after a Toronto man was electrocuted while working in Port Dover, south of Brantford. Norfolk County provincial police say a 46-year-old man working on a bridge around 4:30 p.m. Friday was shocked while trying to retrieve a cable from an overhead crane. He suffered serious burns to his body. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local

Call after brawl gets man arrested

Seven people have been arrested after two rival Tamil groups beat each other with baseball bats in Scarborough. The fight erupted between the groups around 7 p.m. Saturday in Bluffers Park, near Kingston and Midland roads. Police arrived on scene shortly after and nabbed several suspects. As officers hauled two brawlers to a squad car, one of the apprehended men's cellphone rang. Unaware his friend had been caught, the caller told the officer on the other end of the phone where he was hiding. He was arrested moments later. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Making it all about the kids

Daycare and school all in one is focus of elementary school plan

Premier Dalton McGuinty today will announce full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds starting in 2010, based on a provincial adviser's $1-billion plan that would see elementary schools become year-round hubs for children from birth to age 12.

It's unlikely McGuinty will commit to the entire $1 billion annual price tag recommended by early learning adviser Charles Pascal in his report to be released at Queen's Park today. But the premier, who will make the announcement at Etobicoke's Holy Angels Catholic School, is expected to honour his 2007 election pledge to spend $200 million in its first year and another $300 million in 2011.

Under Pascal's 64-page plan, one-third of Ontario school boards would begin offering a full day of learning for four- and five-year-olds — seamlessly blending kindergarten and daycare — as well as affordable after-school, March break and summer programs for older students, by the fall of 2010.

"This report is the enemy of the status quo," Pascal said. "If it's really all about the kids, then this is the only way to go."

For children younger than four, Ontario's patchwork of children's services — everything from parenting centres to daycares — would be consolidated into one-stop Best Start Child and Family Centres, preferably located in schools. These community hubs would fall under the mandate of a new early learning division in the Education Ministry and be overseen by municipalities, which already have authority over other services for families including urban planning, recreation, libraries and public health.

The militant elementary teachers' union is expected to balk at sharing teaching duties with early childhood educators. And some child-care operators may not want to become sucked into a large education bureaucracy.

Space — especially in Greater Toronto's growing suburban school boards — will likely also be an issue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Getting it right early on

- Up to one-quarter of Ontario children arrive in Grade 1 severely behind their peers while another 30 per cent appear fine but have difficulties that have not yet been identified, said early learning adviser Charles Pascal. Research has shown it is much easier and less costly to catch these problems — and address them — in the early years, he added.

The zoo loses an original

ELEPHANT One by one they came to visit their dead.

All through the night, Thika, Toka, Iringa and Tara made their way across the Toronto Zoo enclosure to stand by their fallen sister, a 40-year-old elephant who died Saturday after a shove from a dominant member of the group.

"She was never alone," said Eric Cole, supervisor of the African Savanna at the Toronto Zoo.

Tessa fell after being pushed by another elephant looking to steal her food. Zoo staff did everything they could to get Tessa back on her feet — even bringing in a crane and sling — but she was unable to stand on her own.

Tessa was one of the zoo's original inhabitants when it opened its doors in 1974. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pride Parade **Toronto's 2009 grand marshal**

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

El-Farouk Khaki, left, a gay Muslim lawyer in Toronto, poses yesterday with his partner, Troy Jackson, outside of Khaki's home. Khaki has been chosen as the grand marshal of Toronto's 2009 Pride Parade. The parade is scheduled for June 28.

News in brief

HYDRO Expensive utility bills leave many Canadians sporting a frown, but some who open their monthly statement might soon have a happy face smiling back at them. Toronto Hydro is among a handful of Canadian utility companies considering a program that will start grading customers and their consumption habits on a smiley-face scale. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GTA shooting ends in high-speed chase

CRIME An attempted carjacking turned into a police shooting, which turned into a high-speed pursuit yesterday. But despite efforts by three different GTA police forces, the two suspects involved are still on the run.

The incident began around 1 a.m. at the Oakville Entertainment Centrum.

Two plainclothes officers spotted a Chevrolet Avalanche approaching a GMC Yukon, said Det. Gerard Kelly of Halton police. As they walked up to the two vehicles, both drivers started speeding towards them, Kelly said. Before successfully jumping out of the way, one officer fired at the Avalanche. As it tried to leave the plaza, the stolen Yukon crashed into a nearby restaurant. The truck then sped onto the QEW, where the pursuit was called off. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cops seek public's help in identifying body found in Lake Ontario

A passerby spotted the body around 7 p.m. Saturday near Humber Bay Park, in the Park Lawn Road and Lake Shore Boulevard West area. He is described as a black male, approximately 45 to 55 years old, five-foot-11, approximately 200 to 220 pounds with short black receding hair, said police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stairway to heaven?

If the thinking of three York University scientists has been sound, they just might have this world at the end of a tether. Writing recently in science journal Acta Astronautica, Brendan Quine, Raj Seth and George Zhu have come up with a concept and prototype to create a giant inflatable tower that could carry people to the edge of space.

The three local scientists have come up with a plan that could be used to create a 20-kilometre tower using inflatable modules that could possibly house a space elevator and could be used for research, tourism and telecommunications needs.

"You wouldn't need chemical rockets, with their danger and often environmental consequences." Brendan Quine

"The concept of a space tether that went all the way up to a space station is if you can ascend the tether electrically or by other means, you could gain access directly to space. You wouldn't need chemical rockets, with their danger and often environmental consequences, and you would be able to deploy much more sophisticated communications networks," says Quine.

"It would be about 20 kilometres high, and instead of being built from space, it would be built up from the ground. We would realize this from basically using gas pressure to support the colossal weight of the building. Even in the 20-kilometre tower, we're talking about something twice the mass of a supertanker." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rally protests re-election of Iran's president

POLITICS More than a thousand demonstrators turned out at a rally at Mel Lastman Square yesterday, one of a number around the world to protest the re-election of Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Waiving Iranian flags, many of the protesters chanted "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Ahmadinejad has to go" and held signs that read "Down with the regime."

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MORE COVERAGE PG 13

Cops baffled by inmate's escape

He slept in a bedroom, not a cell, and the ground outside his prison was free of walls and guard towers — in fact, there wasn't even a fence.

So why would Andrew John Wood, convicted of murder in the execution-style shooting death of a Toronto man in 1989, want to escape?

That may be a question police are asking themselves as they continue the search today for the 42-year-old Wood, who escaped from the minimum-security Frontenac Institution in Kingston Saturday morning by simply walking away.

Andrew Wood

Prison officials refuse to speculate why Wood, serving a life sentence, would throw away all those privileges earned over the years by his good behaviour.

"It would not be fair," said Holly Knowles, a spokesperson for Correction Services of Canada.

"There's clearly a reason," she said.

"It could be a number of factors ranging from a very impulsive decision to something that's more emotionally severe."

A Frontenac employee who asked not to be named said the reason for the escape was not obvious to her.

Police said they have no idea where Wood may be.

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Woofstock **Front gone to the dogs**

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Barney, an American foxhound, gets a treat from Cathy Taylor at Front and Church. Woofstock 2009 closed Front street all weekend from Yonge to Jarvis for a dog gone good time.

Sunny **Side**

NEWS IN BRIEF In its second year, the Ride to Conquer Cancer has emerged as one of Canada's most successful cycling fundraisers. Yesterday, the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation announced 3,530 participants from across North America raised $14.5 million.

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Cyclists ride nude in fight against pollution

Some 25 nude cyclists took to the streets of Montreal to raise awareness of global environmental issues. The Saturday bike ride was part of a series of international events — held under the tag line "ending the indecent exposure to cars and pollution." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

PQ leader calls for independence

Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois, left, says she'd like to see a Quebec that is not only politically independent, but energy independent as well. Marois was speaking at the national conference of PQ presidents Saturday in Riviere-du-Loup, northeast of Quebec City. She said a PQ government would carry out large-scale projects aimed at reducing the province's dependence on oil and would also fast track plans for sovereignty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forced to bare it all at border

Montreal woman made to strip in case of mistaken identity

A Montreal woman says Canadian border agents made her strip to see if she had a pink tattoo on her buttocks after mixing her up with an alleged criminal.

Sylvie Menard, who has no history of trouble with the law, returned home from a relaxing Mexico vacation in April to a stressful and humiliating airport encounter with authorities.

Menard, manager of a Montreal wine business, is still seeking an explanation as to why she was handcuffed and locked up, then told to undress.

"They don't have enough information to identify who's a criminal and who isn't," she said in an interview. "And that's the big problem."

Dominique McNeely, a spokesman for the Canada Border Services Agency, said he could not discuss details of the case.

But he said false matches do happen.

As far as Menard can tell, her relatively common name matched that of a woman with the same birth date who was sought by police.

"I showed them twice that there was no pink tattoo there, because they came back to see if it was erased." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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History getting lost on Canadian kids

SCHOOLS Looking for a correct answer to a Canadian history question? It all depends where you ask.

A new national study that ranks Canadian history curricula in high schools ranked Quebec at the head of the class.

The Dominion Institute, a non-partisan foundation dedicated to promoting Canada's history, examined what exactly provinces and territories are teaching high school kids about the country's past.

The organization will reveal a report card today filled with what it calls "worrying" grades about the country's education departments.

Quebec earned a B+ for its Canadian history curriculum, while P.E.I., Newfoundland and Labrador, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northwest Territories each took home an F.

Among its seven recommendations, the Dominion Institute said all Canadian students should be expected to have a core knowledge of 10 events and themes, including both World Wars and aboriginal history. It also called for the creation of a cross-country national history exam. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grades

Province by province

- Quebec — B+ (84 per cent)
- B.C. — B (78 per cent)
- Ontario — B (77 per cent)
- Manitoba — B- (74 per cent)
- Nova Scotia — C+ (68 per cent)
- New Brunswick — C- (55 per cent)
- Alberta — F (47 per cent)
- Saskatchewan — F (36 per cent)
- Newfoundland and Labrador — F (35 per cent)
- Prince Edward Island — F (35 per cent)
- Yukon — B (78 per cent)
- Nunavut — D (51 per cent)
- Northwest Territories — F (41 per cent)

News in brief

ARCTIC The thinning Arctic ice pack is already producing the much-anticipated surge in commercial shipping through the Northwest Passage. Three companies are now planning to send commercial vessels deep into the Passage's once ice-choked waters this season, triple the number from 2007.

SNOWBIRDS Canada's acrobatic flying team, the Snowbirds, has been grounded due to a technical problem with the ejection seat system. The air force says it's putting all 25 of its Tutor jets on "operational pause" after a problem was found prior to a practice flight at a Quebec airshow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No power in evacuation order

LAW A B.C. Mountie found out the hard way last month that a wildfire evacuation order is nothing of the kind.

The fire near 70 Mile House in the Cariboo region of the southern B.C. Interior flared up quickly in the tinder-dry woods. It engulfed five buildings, including at least one home, and triggered an evacuation order.

But when an RCMP officer threatened to arrest a resident who refused to leave, he discovered he didn't have the power.

That is true across Canada.

The only exception: Minor children can be apprehended, though the grown-ups can stay behind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Residents watch the approaching flames in Kelowna, B.C., in the southern suburbs in this August 2003 file photo.

Union influences Obama policy?

QUEBEC A Quebec union leader says his province's labour laws influenced the Obama administration's pending Employee Free Choice Act aimed at facilitating access to labour unions in the United States.

Steelworkers Union director Daniel Roy told The Canadian Press that the Quebec union was responsible for forwarding a copy of the Quebec Labour Code to their U.S. counterparts.

Barack Obama

The United Steelworkers of America is one of many unions that backed Barack Obama's successful bid for the presidency.

In his campaign platform, Obama committed to easing access to unions for American workers. Only 12 per cent of the current U.S. workforce is unionized. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Father charged in murder of baby
The father of an 11-month-old baby boy has been formally charged with premeditated murder. Mohamed Lamine Keita appeared via video conferencing at the Montreal courthouse Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Political power of 'I'm sorry'

John Baird, Lisa Raitt take different approaches to their crises

For many politicians, sorry still seems to be the hardest word.

That appeared to be the case last week when rising Conservative cabinet star Lisa Raitt was caught musing aloud about the political advantage of the medical isotopes shortage — linking the words "sexy," "radioactive leaks" and "cancer" together with nary an and or but in between.

Her stubborn refusal to apologize the next day despite a barrage of demands for contrition in the Commons caught many political observers and practitioners by surprise, particularly as Raitt was given clear evidence how disarming a simple "I'm sorry" could be.

While she was enduring the worst crisis of her brief tenure as natural resources minister, her more experienced cabinet colleague John Baird was facing his own self-created public relations fiasco.

But having been caught using a vulgar expletive, the normally combative Baird took a different tack. Asked in the Commons why he'd so rudely dismissed Toronto's mayor, the transport minister simply rose in his place, apologized and escaped further torment.

"The purpose of the apology is to kill the story as fast as possible," said Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto.

"I think it helped Baird that he apologized right away. What did it gain Raitt by not apologizing?"

In the end, Raitt was forced to apologize — the next day — in a tearful news conference in which she recalled the death of her father and brother from cancer.

But many believe the delay left her open to accusations of acting tactically rather than sincerely.

Most communications experts say it is almost always better to apologize early and unreservedly.

That was not always the case.

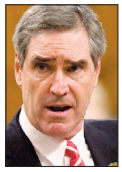
At one time, the conventional wisdom had it that politicians should "never admit, never explain" and tough out the storm until it blows over.

Consultant Elly Alboim of the Earnescliffe Strategy Group in Ottawa says celebrities have also become practiced at apologizing early for any transgressions, but that many politicians still haven't bought into the new thinking for fear of ridicule and reputation among peers.

John Baird, left, and Lisa Raitt took different approaches to their respective crises. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ignatieff leadership faces confidence test

POLITICS Michael Ignatieff faces the latest test of his leadership mettle today when he'll announce the Liberal party response to the current Conservative economic report card.



Michael Ignatieff

Putting Stephen Harper's minority government on "probation" — subject to periodic status reports — was a workable stalling tactic when the freshly installed Liberal leader wanted to avoid defeating the Tory budget back in January.

But with the second of three Liberal-demanded reports on the economic stimulus package now in the books, the pressure increases on Ignatieff to make a coherent case why the Harper government should either live on, or fall.

It is not an enviable choice for the Liberal leader: Precipitate a possible summer election few Canadians want and that his party is not prepared to fight; or give the green light to a slick Tory stimulus update that one parliamentarian likened to a ShamWow infomercial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ADOPTION Manitoba is considering opening up all adoption records going back to 1925. Manitoba is proceeding gingerly in the wake of Ontario's court battle over similar legislation. At least 2,500 people in Ontario have signed vetoes that keep their identities secret.

COBOURG Three beachfront homeowners along Lake Ontario want the sands on their properties to be theirs and theirs alone. But the Cobourg Beach Society says the beach, which extends about three city blocks in the town east of Toronto, should be open to the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Community honours slain political aide

The community of Riviere-Ouelle, Que., has paid homage to murdered political aide Nancy Michaud by giving a local park her name. The small town, northeast of Quebec City, held the official naming ceremony Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Weather affecting food supply

AGRICULTURE Rancher Jon Fox is doing something he never thought he'd be doing at this time of year — still feeding his 400 head of black Angus cattle near Lloydminster, Sask.

Usually by this time, his animals are out in the pasture, grazing on grass that has greened up after a long winter and moist spring.

But dust bowl conditions and cooler-than-normal temperatures in a huge swath of Alberta and Saskatchewan are threatening producers who may be struggling to find enough feed for their cattle in the months ahead.

Fox has put in an order for feed pellets to help augment his cattle's diet.

"We put some feed out last weekend and got some rain and we've already let a lot of the cattle on to where we normally hay," says Fox.

"If we don't get any rain in the next short while, we're going to have to start feeding all the time and a guy doesn't want to do that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Honorary degree**

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean receives an honorary doctorate yesterday as Laval University rector Denis Briere, right, looks on during a ceremony in Quebec City.

Engineer dies in blast

Soldier death toll reaches 120

A Canadian combat engineer, described as a great guy to be around, was killed in southern Afghanistan yesterday when one of two roadside bombs he was trying to defuse exploded.

Cpl. Martin Dube, 35, was the second Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan in a week.

Martin Dube

The blast also killed an Afghan police officer and badly wounded an interpreter.

In making the grim announcement at Kandahar Airfield, Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance said the "energetic" Dube was someone who believed in the Afghan mission and was eager to make a difference.

"The IED that Martin was dismantling could have killed an entire family, as it was deliberately aimed at passing traffic," said Vance, the senior commander in Kandahar.

"His actions, his sacrifice, saved the lives of innocents."

Vance praised Dube, who was from the 5e Regiment du Genie de Combat based at CFB Valcartier near Quebec City, as a professional who was always willing to help anyone in need. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twice in a week

- Last Monday, Pte. Alexandre Peloquin was killed in the same district when he stepped on an explosive device.
- Dube's death brings to 120 the total number of Canadian soldiers who have died during the Afghan mission since it began in 2002.

Prisons reaching out to Buddhist way of life

ADVICE The federal prison system is looking for help to nurture more zen in the Pen.

Corrections officials want to renew a contract worth up to $75,000 over three years to offer Buddhist spiritual advice and support in its prisons near Kingston.

They include the maximum-security Kingston Penitentiary and the Warkworth Institution, a medium-security facility that houses some 600 inmates, about one-third of them sex offenders.

Duties include offering spiritual guidance to at least 40 identified Buddhist offenders in the region plus counselling, religious education and advice on Buddhist issues.

The recently published contract description notes the Correctional Service of Canada "is mandated with the provision of religious and spiritual services to all offenders in our care.

"The Ontario region is seeking to implement these standards for the Buddhist faith in a consistent way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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World

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A police officer scuffles with an activist yesterday during a protest before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech outside Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv.

Netanyahu calls for conditional state

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu endorsed a Palestinian state beside Israel for the first time yesterday, reversing himself in the face of U.S. pressure but attaching conditions like demilitarization that the Palestinians rejected.

A week after U.S. President Barack Obama's address to the Muslim world, Netanyahu said the Palestinian state would have to be unarmed and recognize Israel as the Jewish state — a condition amounting to Palestinian refugees giving up the goal of returning to Israel.

With those conditions, he said, he could accept "a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state."

The West Bank-based Palestinian government dismissed the proposal as an attempt to determine the outcome of negotiations while maintaining Israeli settlements, refusing compromise over Jerusalem and ignoring the issue of borders. They also said demilitarization would solidify Israeli control over them.

Netanyahu

Netanyahu, in an address seen as his response to Obama, refused to heed the U.S. call for an immediate freeze of construction on lands Palestinians claim for their future state. He also said the holy city of Jerusalem must remain under Israeli sovereignty.

"Netanyahu's speech closed the door to permanent status negotiations," senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said.

"We ask the world not to be fooled by his use of the term Palestinian state because he qualified it. He declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel, said refugees would not be negotiated and that settlements would remain."

But in Washington, the White House said Obama welcomed the speech as an "important step forward."

Netanyahu's address had been eagerly anticipated in the wake of Obama's landmark speech to the Muslim world. His speech was a dramatic transformation for a man who was raised on a fiercely nationalistic ideology and has spent a two-decade political career criticizing peace efforts.

The Palestinians demand all of the West Bank as part of a future state, with east Jerusalem as their capital. Israel captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war.

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Sikh challenges U.S. Army policy

MILITARY His father and grandfather were part of India's Air Force. His great-grandfather served in the British Indian army. So when U.S. Army recruiters talked to Capt. Kamaljit Singh Kalsi during his first year of medical school, he signed up.

But his plans to go on active duty are now on hold. A U.S. Army policy from the 1980s that regulates the wearing of religious items would mean he would need to shave his beard and remove the turban he wears in accordance with his religion.

Kalsi

"I'm an American, there's no reason why I can't serve," Kalsi, 32, said.

The army has a long-standing interest in how its members carry themselves, with policies that ban exotic hair colours, long fingernails or certain colours of lipstick. Singh said it would be in the military's best interest to let Sikhs serve. The community has a long tradition of military service, both in India, where most of the faith's adherents are, as well as in Canada and the U.K.

In Canada, regulations for the armed forces allow Sikhs to keep their turbans and beards. The RCMP allows turbans as well.

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Flu kills first in Britain

Officials say a person has died of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, in Scotland in the first death from the illness reported in Britain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU questions Iran election results

France criticized Iranian authorities yesterday for their "somewhat brutal reaction" to the street protests in Tehran over the country's presidential election, and the European Union expressed concern about how the ballot was conducted.

Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said his French government believes the situation in Iran "could leave lasting scars" on the nation. Protests flared amid allegations of voter fraud following the announcement Saturday that incumbent president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was re-elected to a second term.

In a statement late Saturday, the EU said it was "concerned about alleged irregularities" during Friday's vote and the post-election violence that erupted after the release of results, which are disputed by Ahmadinejad's reformist rival, Mir Hossein Mousavi.

The 27-member bloc said it hopes the outcome of the election will ease tensions between Iran and the international community over Iran's contested nuclear program.

On Saturday, about 200 people protested outside the Iranian Embassy in London and 100 demonstrated in Paris in front of the Maison de la Radio, a large complex in Paris where French public radio stations operate. At the London protest, Hadi Ghaemi, spokesman for the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, denounced the results as "a Tehran Tiananmen" — a reference to China's brutal 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy activists — and urged the international community not to recognize the vote.

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A supporter of defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi is beaten yesterday by government security members during riots in Tehran.

News in brief

SRI LANKA A Sri Lankan public policy group has asked a court to rule that President Mahinda Rajapaksa and other officials are violating the fundamental rights of war-displaced ethnic Tamil civilians by detaining them in barbed-wire-enclosed camps. The Center for Policy Alternatives said in its complaint that 300,000 civilians who escaped the battlefields of the island's civil war are being detained illegally in 40 centres. The centre says the civilians — including elderly, sick and disabled people — are being held in overcrowded camps and have been refused permission to leave or meet relatives regularly.

FLORIDA A Miami-area teenager was arrested yesterday and accused of committing a string of gruesome cat mutilation deaths, authorities said. Tyler Weinman, 18, was taken into custody and charged with 19 counts of animal cruelty, 19 counts of improperly disposing of an animal body and four counts of burglary, police said.

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Seven U.S. allies killed in Iraq

AMBUSH Iraqi officials say seven U.S.-allied Sunni fighters were killed in separate attacks north of Baghdad. A police officer said six of the men were killed yesterday when gunmen ambushed a minibus carrying them near the Iranian border. The men were members of the Awakening Councils, which are armed groups that have joined forces with Americans to fight insurgents.

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CIA head slams Cheney's criticism of Obama's handling of terrorism

CIA director Leon Panetta says former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney's criticism of the Obama administration's approach to terrorism almost suggests "he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan eyes Taliban chief

Pakistan ordered its army to go after the country's top Taliban commander, a feared militant whose stronghold could prove a difficult test for troops but whose demise would be a blow to insurgencies there and in Afghanistan.

The announcement yesterday of the operation in South Waziristan came hours after a suspected U.S. missile strike killed five alleged militants there. The move will likely please the U.S., which considers the region a troublesome hideout for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters implicated in attacks on U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Owais Ghani, the governor of North West Frontier Province, said Pakistan felt it had to resort to force against Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud and his network. Past army action in the region had usually faltered or ended in truces, strengthening the militants.

"Baitullah Mehsud is the root cause of all evils," Ghani said, noting a slew of suicide bombings that have shaken Pakistan in recent days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 Five people are believed to have died after a suspected U.S. missile strike yesterday in South Waziristan.

Vietnam **A taste of China**

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Chinese dancers perform yesterday at the Opera House in Hanoi, Vietnam. The troupe from Guangdong province performed as part of a tour that stopped in the Philippines and Cambodia.

N. Korea warns of nuclear war amid rising tension with U.S.

WASHINGTON South Korea's president ordered security officials yesterday to deal "resolutely and squarely" with new North Korean warnings of a nuclear war on the eve of his U.S. visit.

President Lee Myung-bak travels to Washington today for talks with U.S. President Barack Obama that are expected to focus on the North's rogue nuclear and missile programs.

North Korea has threatened war with any country that stops its ships on the high seas under new sanctions approved by the UN in response to its May 25 nuclear test.

It also vowed Saturday to "weaponize" all its plutonium and acknowledged a long-suspected uranium enrichment program for the first time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TERRORISM Yemeni security forces have arrested a Saudi man suspected of financing al-Qaida cells in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. An Interior Ministry official said authorities captured Hassan Hussein Bin Alwan, "the biggest and the most influential" money provider in both countries.

AFGHANISTAN President Hamid Karzai met with the new incoming commander of U.S. and NATO forces yesterday and told him the most important part of his mission was to protect Afghan civilians. THE ASSOCIATED

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Comment

Highs, lows of spring

HineSight

Anne Hines

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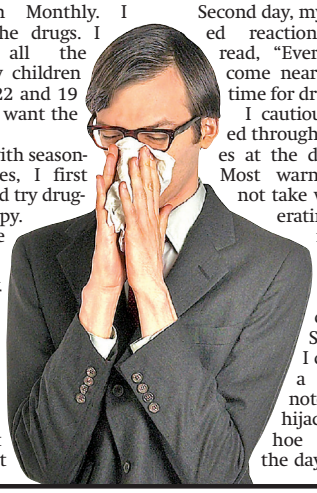
Lately, I've had that old familiar feeling again. My heart is fluttering, my pulse is racing, I feel like I'm walking on air. Only one thing can turn a mature adult into a grinning idiot like this. You guessed it. I'm on allergy medication.

Normally, I'm not a drug user. Once, as an undergrad, someone gave me a joint and I smoked it alone while watching The Sound Of Music on TV. I found the movie totally hilarious until the very end when it turned terribly tragic. By the time the youngest Von Trapps were being toted over the Swiss Alps, I was weeping uncontrollably, vowing to devote my life to the well-being of all displaced, musically gifted Austrians. Then I fell asleep.

My only other drug experience was during childbirth. I wasn't exactly poster girl for Natural Childbirth Monthly. I wanted the drugs. I wanted all the drugs. My children are now 22 and 19 and I still want the drugs.

Faced with seasonal allergies, I first thought I'd try drug-free therapy. A website suggested I keep a diary of anything that seems to cause an "elevated reaction." The first day my list read, "Conversation with my mother, trying to find parking downtown, PVR failing to record House." My partner, Liz, suggested they'd meant an elevated reaction in sneezing. Oh.

Sunny Side



Second day, my "elevated reaction" diary read, "Everything I come near." It was time for drugs.

I cautiously sorted through the boxes at the drugstore. Most warned, "Do not take while operating heavy machinery." No problem. I drive a Smart car. I did make a mental note not to hijack a backhoe during the day. Several medications had side-effect lists that reminded me of American television drug ads, "May cause dizziness, brain implosion, spontaneous levitation, and arm to fall off, but it will clear up that unsightly rash, no problem."

Having made my choice, my days now go:

7 a.m.: Wake up.

7:30 a.m.: Able to pry sore eyes open enough to locate allergy medication. Take pill.

7:32-9:40 a.m.: This stuff is useless. It has no effect whatsoever. I can't believe they're allowed to sell … wait …

9:40 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.: La, la, la. I am so happy. I'm a big, pink bunny. Or there's one on my desk. Or both. I love Tom Harper …

7:30 p.m.: … huh? Achooo! Damn it.

Take and repeat.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Water is better choice for Toronto schoolchildren

Re: Moving to aspartame-only vending machines? (June 10)

Having read the article on the Toronto District School Board's (TDSB) consideration of moving to aspartame-only vending machines in Toronto area schools, I cannot help but voice concerns over this.

As a biological chemist, I have read numerous research papers suggesting aspartame has been considered a potential carcinogen since its inception as a low-calorie sweetener. Aspartame metabolizes into methane and formic acid, which is a precursor to formaldehyde (embalming liquid/preservative agent).

Why the TDSB has even considered such a proposal from industry sponsors is preposterous. The industry has everything to gain from this initiative and, unfortunately, the ones that have everything to lose are the students.

Here's a thought: Why not just dispense water in schools? It's a lower-cost alternative and at least it isn't fortified with things our body doesn't need. Last time I checked, water didn't contain any calories.

The TDSB needs to smarten up.

KENNY CHENG, TORONTO

What's best for yourself is height of entitlement

Re: Feminism battleground is women's bodies (June 11)

I am always thrilled to see anything even vaguely feminist in any major publication.

Thank you, also, for mentioning Dr. Tiller. His death, an act of domestic terrorism, represents a terrifying nadir in the ridiculous, sadly-pathetic-if-it-weren't-so-horrifying struggle for women to remain autonomous people (you know, just like men are).

The idea that some stranger has decided that he or she knows what's best for me, my body and my health — despite never having met me and knowing absolutely nothing about me — is the height of entitlement and so completely outrageous that I am left baffled by the fact the U.S. is even still debating about abortion.

LESLEY STEEVE, TORONTO

Views

TTC has lost its way on misleading signs

InTransit

Ed Drass

metronews.ca/intransit

In May 2007, I wrote a column about missing and misleading signs in the TTC. None of the locations I mentioned have been fixed yet.

One long-standing example of inadequate directions is St. Patrick station, just two blocks from the Art Gallery of Ontario.

At St. Patrick, there are four ways up to the intersection of Dundas and University. Each exit should have a sign describing where it leads, plus a list of major nearby landmarks. Not here.

Looking for the AGO, or Sick Kids Hospital? You'll have to find out yourself.

You see, the walls were retiled more than four years ago but the previous signs were never replaced. Acting marketing director Carla Basso tells me the station has water leaks in the walls, which are taking a long time to resolve. I admit this is a common problem in the subway, but it did not stop the installation of other permanent signs at the same exits; signs about TTC bylaws and the presence of video cameras.

Leaks or not, somebody at the transit agency needs to put up temporary directional signs for St. Patrick. It just can't be that hard — or that expensive — to aid riders.

Next, I'm still waiting to unravel the mystery of the blank information pillars at Spadina station. Used in other high-traffic TTC locations, such four-sided signs point out platforms or surface destinations. The Spadina info columns were probably installed more than a decade ago, and I bet they've been empty since. You can regularly see bewildered riders trying to transfer between subway lines here, so why not ease their confusion? The TTC's Basso says she will investigate.

There is welcome progress in another communication mystery: Where do you catch emergency shuttles when the subway is disrupted? Currently, when riders have to board replacement buses they rely on supervisors to direct them. If you've been caught in a subway shutdown, you know the chaos that can occur.

Unlike other urban rail systems, there are no consistent markings at Toronto stations to show where emergency shuttles will stop. I've been asking transit officials for some time: Why not here?

Thankfully, the TTC is finally going to run a pilot project. I hope well-marked, pre-designated bus stops can reduce the chaos.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Quick tip

• There are special fare collection rules at some streetcar stops along Queen's Quay until Labour Day. Go to ttc.ca — see "Harbourfront" under "Fares & Passes."

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Six Flags seeks bankruptcy protection

The amusement park company Six Flags is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, saying it needs to reorganize and shed $1.8 billion US of debt. CEO Mark Shapiro says the move won't affect the operation of its 20 theme parks in the U.S., Mexico and Canada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Drug maker readying flu vaccine

Specialty drug maker Baxter International says it's in "full scale" production of a vaccine for influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, that will be commercially available in July. The Deerfield, Ill., company made its announcement Friday, a day after the World Health Organization declared swine flu a global pandemic. Baxter has said its technology cuts in half the time it takes to develop a vaccine — to about 13 weeks instead of 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rate rise could derail rally

The Toronto stock market is likely set for another series of gains this week as the spring rally, which is into a fourth month, continues to send stocks higher — but confidence is starting to get a shake from worries about higher interest rates.

The main TSX index ran ahead 0.7 per cent last week, adding up to a stunning 41 per cent charge from the lows of March 9 in increasing confidence of an economic rebound by the end of the year.

"I think it's definitely the wild card."
Andrew Pyle, investment adviser

Concerns about higher rates may sound strange at a time when central banks in Canada, the United States and other countries have slashed rates to practically zero.

But rising bond yields, particularly in the United States, have the potential to derail the rally, which has also sent the Dow Jones industrials surging about 34 per cent. The S&P 500 has gained almost 40 per cent since the market bottomed in early March.

"I think it's definitely the wild card," said Andrew Pyle, investment adviser with ScotiaMcLeod in Peterborough. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crash casts shadow on air show

CLOUD The Paris Air Show opens today under a morose, uneasy cloud.

Already reeling from the global recession, the aviation industry gathering in the city where Air France Flight 447 should have landed only two weeks ago has been shaken by the still unexplained crash.

The Paris Air Show is marking its 100th anniversary, although because it alternates with the Farnborough International Airshow outside London, it is only on its 48th edition.

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A member of the media, left, takes pictures yesterday of a U.S. Air Force F16 on the eve of the opening of the Paris Air Show at the Bourget airport, north of Paris. The show ends June 21.

Organizers expect around 300,000 visitors this year, about the same as in 2007.

On display will be 2,000 exhibitors from 48 countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

CANWEST Unions at Canwest Global Communications newspapers say they are being asked to enter concession talks with the company, which faces a major restructuring effort as it tries to deal with a crushing $3.9-billion debt load.

ORDERS Bombardier Aerospace says a Spanish airline has now placed firm orders for 35 of its CRJ1000 NextGen aircraft in a deal valued at $1.75 billion US. Air Nostrum has upgraded what was a conditional order to a firm order for 15 of the planes, the transportation giant says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Don't throw out that toner cartridge — reuse it

About 167 million toner cartridges are dumped into American landfills every year, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business. Most can be refilled up to four times. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Going Green

Recycled cashmere

TeddyLux Recycled Cashmere has figured out a great use for recycled cashmere sweaters — teddybears, says Green Trends. The Georgia-based business upcycles worn out cashmere sweaters into cashmere stuffed animals and baby toys. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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12 ways to reuse household items

Regular household items that are easy and convenient to reuse, according to Red Flag Deals.com:

1. Milk bags: Cut open one end, rinse and dry for a steady supply of sturdy plastic bags useful for storing anything that fits.

2. Scrap paper: Use for making notes or printing out draft copies.

3. Envelopes and boxes: Open packages and envelopes gently, cover existing address with a label or stamp and reuse.

4. Gift wrap: Reuse a perfectly serviceable gift bag.

5. Plastic food containers: Many grocery items come in perfectly reusable containers such as for margarine, tofu, salad. Hand wash only as they warp or melt in the dishwasher.

6. Paper towels: A sheet just used to dry clean hands can easily be dried and reused later for wiping plates before washing.

7. Sponges: Don't toss out a dirty sponge — two minutes in a microwave at full power can effectively destroy 99 per cent of bacteria and other harmful buildup and prolong its usefulness (sponge should be damp for microwaving).

8. Newspaper: Wad it up and use as a packing material instead of foam peanuts or styrofoam.

9. Coffee tins and clean egg cartons: Kids can always use such items for arts and crafts. Keep some around for a rainy day children's activity.

10. Old clothes: Donate them to charity, or use for craft projects like quilts, dog beds, gift wrap.

11. Old or chipped mugs: Use them as planters.

12. Single earrings: Use as scatter pin or lapel pin.

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Not always easy being green

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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For some time now we have been exhorting Metro readers to reduce, reuse, recycle, and in all ways live the green life. We think it's time we acknowledged that it's not always that easy. We ourselves have encountered various difficulties and inconsistencies while trying to tread more lightly on the planet.

Some difficulties are easy to foresee, such as the fact that bike lanes are not always available and sometimes just stop — leaving the cyclist in traffic; the fact that bike racks are not always where you need them; and that motorists are not very considerate of bikes. When not biking, we drive a very fuel-efficient diesel car. This is great until you are down to fumes and can't find a service station that has diesel. "Of course, the solution to this is not to let the tank get that empty," says one half of this team. "Well," says the other half, "sometimes we don't fill it up because we hope that we can get home without filling it and then you will have to do it and I won't get my hands all diesel-y."

Other difficulties took us by surprise. When doing some recent home improvements we discovered that the only compact fluorescent light bulb small enough to fit into the new light fixture casts a dim glow about equivalent to a single candle. Aren't incandescent bulbs being phased out by 2012? Don't manufacturers figure that any light fixtures we install today we are hoping to still be using in 2012? Of course compact fluorescent light bulbs are getting more "compact" all the time, so in time we may be able to put a reasonable light in that fixture. In the meantime, we are using night vision goggles.

We have only recently become aware of another problem with living the green life — baby clothes are not manufactured to fit over a cloth diaper. Cloth diapers are considerably more bulky than their disposable counterparts. In short, our baby, clad in her non-landfill-choking diaper, has a big bum. She has a closet full of cute outfits that she cannot wear except on the rare occasions when she has to wear a disposable diaper (travelling, etc.). The sleepers and onesies that she does wear are too big for her everywhere except over her bottom where they are tight and in some cases do not even button. A generation ago, most babies wore cloth diapers, and not the streamlined designer ones that our baby wears so they were probably even more bulky. Were baby clothes sized differently then? Do we need to get hold of some vintage sleepers?

OK, that is our complaining over with. And when we look into the eyes of the future generation, clad in her bulky diaper and ill-fitting clothes, we realize that whatever the inconveniences are to us, we must continue to try to preserve the planet.

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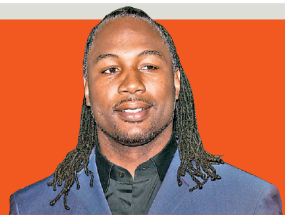
Dichio joins Thornhill Soccer Club

Toronto FC striker Danny Dichio was named as technical director of the Thornhill Soccer Club over the weekend. Dichio will focus on improving training techniques for both players and coaches and will also serve as the club's chief scout. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Lewis headed to hall

Three-time heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, left, is among the latest class inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. Lewis learned to box growing up in Kitchener, and earned Olympic gold for Canada in 1988. Lewis retired in 2003 with a record of 41-2-1, including 32 knockouts, and enters the hall in his first year of eligibility. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Blue Jays Swept by Fish

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Toronto pitcher Dirk Hayhurst throws to the Florida Marlins after relieving Brian Tallet yesterday. The Blue Jays ended up losing 11-3, being swept in the three-game set by the Marlins. Florida now holds a 17-4 all-time record against the Jays.

Lakers win NBA title

(Lakers win series 4-1)

Lakers 99 **Magic** 86

LARRY W. SMITH-POOL/GETTY IMAGES

The Los Angeles Lakers bench celebrates in the final moments of the Lakers' 99-86 win over the Orlando Magic last night in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. Los Angeles won the series 4-1.

Kobe Bryant has the NBA title he needed most — the one without Shaq.

Bryant's seven-year chase of a coveted championship is over. He's got his fourth, and Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson his record 10th, a ring for each finger. One year after failing in the finals, Bryant and the Lakers have redemption, and all the rewards that go with it.

They earned their 15th title last night as Bryant scored 30 points and Pau Gasol added 14 and 15 rebounds in a 99-86 win in Game 5 over the Orlando Magic, who ran out of comebacks.

It took longer than Bryant expected, but he has stepped out of former teammate Shaquille O'Neal's enormous shadow — at last. His fourth championship secured a strong case can be made for Bryant being the league's best player since Michael Jordan hung up his sneakers.

His coach stands alone. Jackson, the chilled-out, bow-legged Zen Master who won six league titles in the 1990s with Jordan in Chicago, now has won No. 4 with Los Angeles and broke a tie with legendary Boston coach Red Auerbach as the winningest coach in finals history.

Bryant and Jackson, whose relationship strained and briefly snapped under the weight of success, are again at the top of their games.

Together.

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Gay completes wire-to-wire St. Jude win

GOLF Brian Gay played his way into the U.S. Open in his last possible chance, completing a wire-to-wire victory yesterday in the St. Jude Classic.

Gay earned his berth at Bethpage Black with his second win in his last five events and third of his career. He beat David Toms and Bryce Molder by five strokes to grab the Open exemption as a multiple winner in the last calendar year.

He grabbed the $1,008,000 US winner's cheque at TPC Southwind in runaway style, too.

Gay led by only a stroke after each of the first three rounds, then shot a third straight 4-under 66 to pull away. He birdied three of the first six holes to take all the suspense out of the final round, and birdied the 18th to finish at 18-under 262.

Phil Mickelson, in his first event since announcing wife Amy has breast cancer, and John Daly, returning from a six-month PGA Tour suspension, tied for 59th at 1 over. Mickelson closed with a 75, and Daly shot a 70.

Toms finished with a 65, and Molder had a 70. John Senden (64), Paul Goydos (68) and Robert Allenby (69) tied for fourth at 12 under.

"It was a pretty good golf tournament except for one guy stealing the show," said Toms, the tournament winner in 2003 and 2004.

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Sports in brief

BALL HOCKEY The Canadian men's ball hockey team opened its quest for a fifth straight title with a decisive 21-1 victory over Great Britain yesterday at the world championship. The Canadians continue Group B play today against Portugal.

BASEBALL The Chicago Cubs fired hitting coach Gerald Perry after 2½ seasons yesterday in an attempt to spark a sputtering offence that ranks among the National League's worst.

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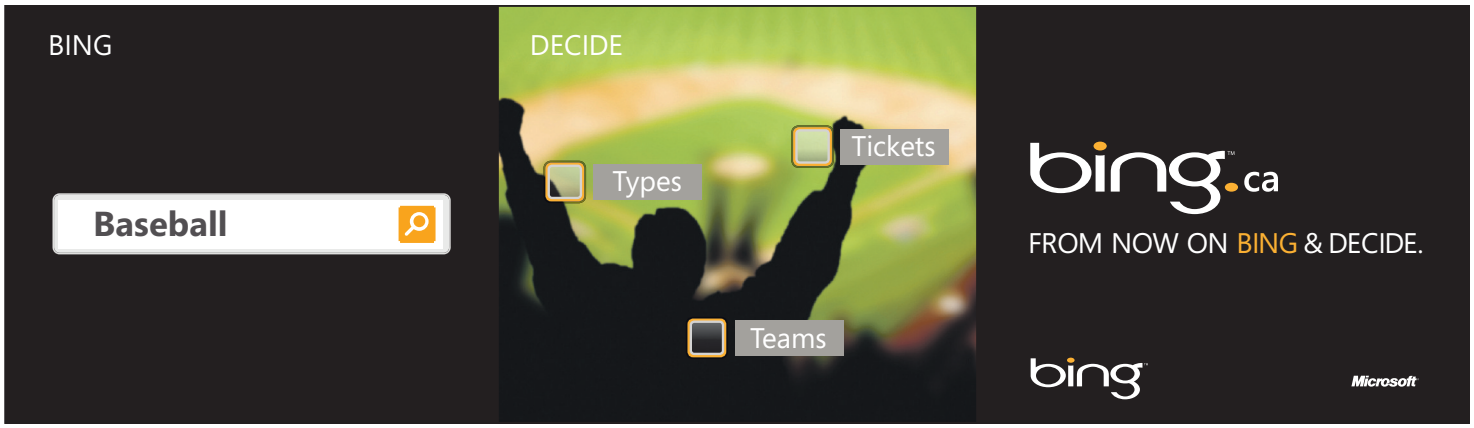

Lidstrom's mid-playoff surgery
General manager Ken Holland says Detroit Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom missed the last two games of the Western Conference final because of surgery. Lidstrom told the Detroit Free Press he had testicular surgery after he was speared by Chicago's Patrick Sharp on May 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto FC set out on Mission: Improbable

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Ben Rycroft

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A near impossible task lies before Toronto FC as they head to Montreal Thursday.

Having lost to the Vancouver Whitecaps 2-0 in an everything-should-be-fine-as-long-as-you-don't-lose-2-0-to-the-Whitecaps situation, Toronto must now defeat the Montreal Impact by four or more goals in order to qualify for the CONCACAF Champions League.

"Never mind the fact that TFC, in its short history, has only once managed to score four goals in a game."

Never mind the fact that Toronto has struggled to put the ball in the back of the net this year. Never mind the fact that TFC, in its short history, has only once managed to score four goals in a game. And never mind the fact that Montreal has only once allowed more than four goals in the last three years.

Is it an improbable task? Yes. Is it impossible one? No.

Soccer history is filled with impossible comebacks.

The most obvious example was in Istanbul in 2005. Liverpool FC trailed AC Milan 3-0 at halftime of the Champions League final. The English side, badly outmatched and with its tails firmly tucked between its legs, suddenly awoke in the 54th minute. In a span of just six minutes the Reds rallied to tie the game at three and would go on to capture the title in penalties.

Milan fell victim to a similar defeat the year before. Champions of Europe at the time, they strolled into La Coruna leading Deportivo 4-1 after their first leg of the Champions League quarter-finals. Deportivo had been massacred 8-3 by Monaco just four months prior. But on this night it was Milan who would be bloodied as Deportivo won 4-0 to send the Italians packing.

Barcelona's dramatic second-half turnaround over Atletico Madrid in 1997, Nigeria's four-goal explosion to down the Soviet Union at the 1989 Under-20 World Cup, West Germany's defeat of England at the 1970 World Cup — the list goes on.

And if you want to mention comebacks, cue up a Montreal game from earlier this year — when that upstart Impact team, leading 4-1 on aggregate, utterly collapsed to Santos Laguna in the Champions League. In the stifling Mexican heat, Montreal allowed four second-half goals, including two in extra time to be bounced from the tournament.

It was despicable, it was humiliating and it should have been impossible.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

Pens already talking repeat

The Pittsburgh Penguins spent a last few hours together yesterday, cleaning out their lockers, showing off the Stanley Cup at a Pirates game and wondering what could possibly top beating the Detroit Red Wings in a road Game 7.

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Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby kisses the Stanley Cup before a baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Detroit Tigers in Pittsburgh yesterday as Penguins defenceman Hal Gill looks on.

Coach Dan Bylsma offered this suggestion: How about a repeat?

No NHL team has gone back-to-back since the Red Wings in 1997-98, partly because the post-lockout salary cap makes it difficult for teams to add the successful role players needed to win a title to the stars whose salaries take up so much cap space.

These Penguins are different from most Stanley Cup champions because so many of their top players are in their early 20s — Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Marc-Andre Fleury, Jordan Staal and Kris Letang among them. To co-owner Mario Lemieux, who won consecutive Stanley Cups as a player in 1991 and 1992, the Penguins could do something special if they stick together.

Lemieux wasn't talking about winning one Stanley Cup, either.

"I like our chances going forward," Lemieux said.

Such talk seemingly puts pressure on a rookie coach who has yet to go through a full regular season, but Bylsma said such expectations would await anyone who stands behind the Penguins' bench.

"Pressure is something I don't put a lot of stock in," Bylsma said, talking to reporters as the Stanley Cup sat a foot away on a podium. "I think we can get back to the foundation and build again and try to do this again. It's only one team a year that gets that opportunity and we're going to try that next year."

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Crucial week for 2016 Olympic hopefuls

OLYMPICS The four candidates for the 2016 Olympics — and the seven sports trying to be included in those games — face a crucial week in the final stages of their global campaigns.

Less than four months before the host city vote, Chicago, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo get a chance to put their case straight to the members of the International Olympic Committee.

Wednesday's presentations and Thursday's informal individual meetings with members marks the first time the IOC has arranged such a forum for bid cities. It's essentially a trial run for the final presentations Oct. 2, the day of the vote in Copenhagen.

In a sign of the importance of this week's gathering, IOC president Jacques Rogge said at least 94 of 107 members will be attending.

"For the members, it's the opportunity to get a presentation without the frills," Rogge said.

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Sports vs. sports

- Today's presentations include the seven sports federations competing for two spots on the 2016 program.

Golf, rugby sevens, softball, baseball, squash, roller sports and karate will make presentations to the IOC executive board, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The IOC program commission has been evaluating the seven sports, with golf and rugby sevens having received the highest reviews from the panel, a senior Olympic official with direct knowledge of the findings told the AP.

Atlantic mayors settle Cup wager

BET Don Coombs, the mayor of Harbour Grace, N.L., says he and Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly once again bet on which team would skate away with the Stanley Cup.

Coombs says a package containing partridge berries, scallops, boots and seal meat will be sent within the next two weeks to Kelly.

Harbour Grace is the home of Detroit Red Wings forward Dan Cleary, while Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby hails from Cole Harbour, just outside of Halifax.

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Sports in brief

AMPUTATION The agent for Ken Green says the Champions Tour golfer who was hurt in a car crash will have his lower right leg amputated below the knee. The surgery set for today comes a week after Green's brother and girlfriend were killed in the accident in eastern Mississippi.

RACING Marc Gene of Spain and Peugeot won the 24 Hours of Le Mans yesterday, ending Audi's five-year domination. The diesel-powered Peugeot No. 9 was one of the few cars to have a trouble-free run in the world's most famous endurance race. Gene, David Brabham of Britain and Alexander Wurz of Austria completed 382 laps in 24 hours, one lap more than the Peugeot No. 8 driven by French trio Sebastien Bourdais, Franck Montagny and Stephane Sarrazin.

ACCUSATIONS Boston Red Sox pitcher Brad Penny has denied accusations from New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi that he deliberately hit Alex Rodriguez with a pitch. Rodriguez was hit in the back in the first inning Thursday night at Fenway Park, prompting umpires to warn both teams. The Red Sox went on to win 4-3 and improved to 8-0 against the Yankees this season.

BOXING Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s comeback has been postponed because the boxer suffered a rib injury while training. Golden Boy Promotions said yesterday that Mayweather's July 18 fight against Juan Manuel Marquez at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas will be rescheduled.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Head to Toe

In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on the health industry and all jobs and careers therein. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for the special Head to Toe series.

Workology

Laval offers up free bikes

Université Laval has partnered with Véloville, a local organization, to provide its community with free bicycles. For three years, uLaval ran a free-bike pilot program for students living in residence, and now the program is being extended to all students and staff in order to promote a healthy lifestyle. Participants have access to 40 bikes, and can use them up to six hours at a time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology in **brief**

EARLY-CHILDHOOD CARE A massive shakeup in early childhood care has been called for by the former deputy minister of education, Charles Pascal. Currently, junior and senior kindergarten run for two-and-a-half hours, with many working parents then having to ferry their children to a separate day-care facility for the remainder of the day. But Pascal is calling for full-day learning whereby kindergarten and day care are combined. This would mean that parents of 4- and 5-year-olds would be able to leave their children at one place from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

–HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

Setting a healthy posture precedent

Head to **Toe**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Spotting the little things that can make big changes to let people avoid chronic workplace pain is what Craig Kipling does best.

The ergonomic consultants at Healthy Posture Inc. make sure your workplace is as pain-free as possible.

The 32-year-old and principal consultant of ergonomic consulting firm Healthy Posture Inc. helps companies and individuals eliminate unnecessary aches and pains in the workplace by making sure their work spaces are ergonomically sound.

Kipling has a degree in Kinesiology but always had a love for business as well so he started Healthy Posture five years ago to meld the two together.

"My vision was I wanted to take my schooling and apply it in the corporate world," he said.

Ergonomics involves making sure things like body positioning, posture and the distance someone has to reach are optimized for the least physical strain possible. While tiny motions like typing or turning to reach for a telephone keypad might seem inconsequential, the regular, consistent strain can add up to chronic pain and repetitive-stress injuries.

Just by seeing how a person uses their workstation, Kipling can tell where the problems are and work individually with them to set up their work space. A good desk setup can mean freedom from unnecessary muscle and joint pain.

"We're all different heights and all different sizes, so each workstation has to be individually specialized for each employee. You shouldn't come to work and have go home and ice yourself or heal yourself," Kipling said.

Kipling says incorrect monitor positioning is in the number one reason why people develop shoulder and back pain in an office setting. Contrary to much common thinking, a computer monitor should not set with the eye at the centre of the screen, since the eye's most common habit is to look down — Kipling says most people set their monitors far too high for ergonomic comfort.

Pain culprits

- Bad keyboard positioning can be a leading cause in work-related pain and placement of things such as phones, printers and filing cabinets can have a profound effect on physical fatigue and potential injury in the workplace.

Though Kipling has a steady stream of corporate clients now, the early going was tough because many businesses weren't aware of how ergonomics impacted their employees.

"You say you're an ergonomic consultant and some people don't know what the word means. Right from the start nobody knows who you are — it's all word-of-mouth," Kipling said.

Luckily, employers are becoming more aware that taking time to prevent injuries is far more cost-effective for their businesses, particularly those with larger numbers of employees, than having to pay to fix injuries after they happen.

"It costs less money to be proactive than it does to deal with somebody who develops an injury later. Companies are starting to understand the importance of ergonomics," he said.

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CUPE protests job cuts at McMaster graduation ceremonies
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A meticulously challenging job

OddJobs

The first thing you probably do when you pick up a non-fiction book is flip to the back and scan the index.

However, it's the very last thing that goes into writing a book.

Sometimes just a few days before it goes to press, a book's editor will call someone like Clive Pyne to compose the index.

This difficult and sometimes tedious job cannot be done by computers. It's been tried, and it's failed. Instead, Pyne will put in as many as seven days of working 10 hours a day to create an index for a complicated textbook.

Pyne starts by reading the book, marking up every fact he finds as he goes. "I'm doing a lot in my head at this point, I'm getting a sense of the pattern."

On the second read, he boots up his computer and, using special software, starts keying in subheads and page numbers. The program organizes these subheads into virtual file cards.

About a quarter of Pyne's time on a book is spent editing: Reorganizing his subheads to make better sense and also trimming to fit the numbers of pages allotted for the index.

Organizing information in books is always a challenge. Extra tough: Listing names from cultures where people write their surnames first, or dealing with double postings and nutritional information in a cookbook.

"It's an art and it's a science," says Pyne. It takes years to hone one's indexing skills and get fast at the job.

Pyne's been indexing for the last four years. He's done a variety of jobs, including working in human resources, where he did job classifications and pay equity calculations.

"It's an art and it's a science."
Book Indexer
Clive Pyne

After moving from Toronto to Ottawa a few years ago, Pyne had trouble finding work in the bilingual city. He realized he had a talent for identifying patterns, and starting looking for a new career to match his skill.

He met an indexer who lived in nearby Perth and decided to try it. He bought 16 different non-fiction books and composed his own indexes for each. His colleague critiqued his work. Feeling ready, Pyne started marketing himself.

One of the first books he ever worked on, for the Canadian Museum of Civilization, won numerous awards.

Now, as an established indexer, Pyne works long days and most weekends. The work is exhausting, but Pyne takes numerous breaks through the day and often heads out for the gym or a quick walk to energize himself. He also spends time maintaining his website, sending emails and marketing himself to continue to get more work.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Indexer
Salary: About $40,000 a year, more if you index complex things like medical textbooks.
Education/training: There's at least one university program that teaches indexing in the U.S., but most indexers are self-taught.
Best Part of the Job: "I'm constantly changing gears. It's not boring and it's very challenging."
Worst Part of the Job: "The stress, the long hours, and the low pay."

Indexing books cannot be done by computers. It's been tried, and it's failed. That's where Clive Pyne comes in.

Workology in brief

SPECIAL NEEDS A two-tier system is evolving for kids with high needs as a result of a gap in the public school system, a result of under funding for special education, according to an article in the Toronto Star. In some cases at public school, parents often have to fight for and wait for teaching aides and assistive technology, reads the article. As a result, many parents of kids with learning disabilities, attention problems, or learning styles not suited to traditional schools are taking their kids out of the public school system and sending them to private schools that offer alternative learning.

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Entertainment

Splitting up

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fast facts about Bonnaroo

- **Performing bands:** 150
- **Tickets sold:** 75,000
- **Canadian bands in attendance:** One (Crystal Castles from Toronto)
- **Size of farm for camping and concert space:** 700 acres
- **Number of years the lineup has not featured a member of the Grateful Dead:** One (2009)

The Boss of Bonnaroo

Springsteen brings energy to Tennessee music festival

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

"We didn't just come here to rock the house. We came here to build a house!" wailed Bruce Springsteen during his headlining set with the E Street Band Saturday at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

If his live show were anything like building a home, Springteen's would be sturdy. Sweat flew from The Boss' arms as he played a three-hour show in which he performed songs from his near 40-year canon, emphasizing hard times, while barely stopping for breath in between.

Springsteen headlined the eighth instalment of Bonnaroo, which takes place on a farm in Manchester, Tenn. More than 75,000 people from around the world were in attendance for the four-day festival, which wrapped up last night.

Friday began with Brooklyn, N.Y. experimental indie rockers The Dirty Projectors delivering a solid collection, featuring interlocking vocal rhythms and harmonies. Later, they were joined by David Byrne, former frontman of Talking Heads, and performer later that night, who both assembled the stage's lineup and offered his chops to the band.

The vocals for Baltimore electronic duo Animal Collective, on the other hand, failed to impress. Timing worked against the group that seemed to be disjointed overall, producing otherwise very danceable music to a relatively static crowd.

That quickly changed when New York alt-rockers Yeah Yeah Yeahs took the stage to a massive eyeball backdrop surrounded by a sparkling blue spiral. Lead singer Karen O's honey-like tableau transitions provided eye candy for the band's alternating hard dance punk and synth-spiked rock.

Contemporary bands were as common as veterans at the weekend festival. Soul master Al Green played the main stage, as he threw roses to the crowd, London's Elvis Costello departed from his new wave sound with a country and bluegrass-touched solo set and festival favourite Phish played two sets, with typically extended jam sessions.

Saturday began with a mellow early set by folksy Bon Iver, who interacted with the crowd and brought out a horn ensemble to back him for part of his performance. But the day moved from subtle to spectacle when Atlanta's Of Montreal took the stage, perhaps best reflecting the colourful crowd with a flashing neon backdrop and a host of exaggerated on-stage animal characters.

Chicago alt-country outfit Wilco, headed by singer/guitarist Jeff Tweedy, took the main stage to prime the crowd for Springsteen. An optimistic Tweedy let the stage's cameraman strum his guitar during one song, as he gazed into the camera that was projected on stageside screens. He joked he'd interpret any audience boos as "Bruuuuce!", inviting the crowd to yell the singer's name.

Before the festival's unrivaled closing performance by Phish, Sunday offered a varied lineup featuring sets by soulful Erykah Badu, rapper Snoop Dogg, folk singer/songwriter Andrew Bird and country siren Neko Case.

STEVE HYMAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Yeah Yeah Yeahs frontwoman Karen O, above, performs at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Tennessee. Other acts included Al Green, below left, and Phish's Trey Anastasio, below right.

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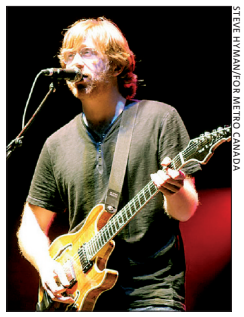

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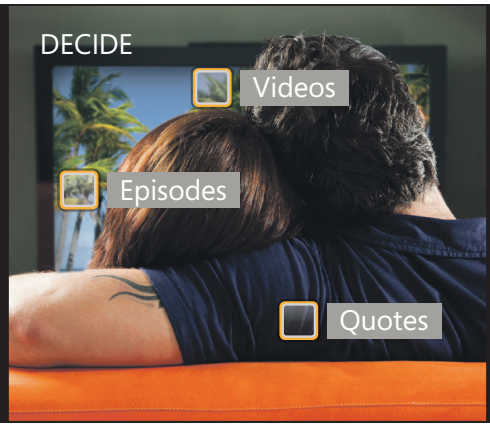

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DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

Feeling happy is something we have direct control over

Ever wonder why some people always seem to be happy-go-lucky while others don't? Though hard to define, happiness — that feeling of contentment, satisfaction, pleasure or joy — is, in fact, something we have direct control over. So can we actually increase our happiness?

The answer seems to be "yes."

And it mainly has to do with one's general outlook on life; in other words, how optimistic or pessimistic you are. While there are many situations that are out of our control, optimists always look on the bright side of things and tend to believe that most situations, no matter how difficult they may initially be, work out for the better in the end.

One given in life is that everyone will inevitably face challenges. But instead of letting those experiences undermine everything you do, look at them as temporary setbacks that can be overcome.

Your mental outlook on life can affect your physical health more than you realize. In fact, studies have correlated optimistic people with having better immune systems and to psychological wellbeing.

You've heard that line, "Is your glass half-empty or half-full?" Well, your experiences in life really do come down to your perspective. The first step to being a more optimistic person is to make a conscious effort to make the most of what life offers. Secondly, realize that the past doesn't equal the future. Third, accept pain, failure and disappointment as part of life — not the entirety of it. Finally, be grateful for the good things that occur and acknowledge them.

Researchers have found that, aside from having an optimistic personality, happy people also tend to have high self-esteem, an outgoing personality, close friendships or a satisfying marriage, work and leisure that engages their skills and meaningful religious faith.

Since most people derive great pleasure from participating in mentally engaging activities, it's no wonder people who volunteer derive a great sense of satisfaction from it. Getting out and helping others is, it seems, a win-win situation.

Economy taking a turn for the better

It seems that the light at the end of what has felt like a never-ending tunnel of global economic doom and gloom is getting brighter. After months and months, the economy looks to be taking a turn for the better.

Not only is the loonie rising, narrowing the gap between the U.S. and Canadian currencies, but the housing market, especially in Toronto and Vancouver, is in positive territory. In fact, Toronto house sales for the first two weeks in May were up three per cent from the same period last year.

Real estate experts attribute the upturn to first-time buyers who are stepping back into the housing market due to lower prices and interest rates, which in turn, is having a domino effect and strengthening the overall housing market. While nobody can be absolutely certain, many leading economists predict that the recession will end in the second half of 2009, which is just around the corner and one big reason to smile.

'Packbacks' and a dream

He's been called an everyday hero and an inspiration. But no matter how he's described, Stephen McPhee — an autistic eight-year-old from Airdrie, Alta. – is proof that anyone can improve the lives of others by following their heart.

Two years ago, Stephen, who was six at the time, was saddened to learn there were kids living on the streets. He resolved to help them. That Christmas, he amassed 15 backpacks, or "packbacks" as he called them, filled them with toys, books and mittens and donated them to a local charity.

The following year, Stephen rallied his local community to pitch in, and they did, packing nearly 300 backpacks with books, clothing, toys and hygiene products. Last Christmas, the number of backpacks donated ballooned to an astonishing 1,000.

Last year, Stephen, whose initiative is called Stephen's Backpack Society, was named a 2008 Great Kids Award Winner by the Government of Alberta in recognition of his generosity, compassion, courage and strong spirit. "Stephen brings a ray of hope to those experiencing difficulties in life," says his mother, Nancy. "He shows how a child can do anything."

Have some budget-friendly fun this summer

With summer just around the corner, family vacation plans are on many people's minds. This year, why not hit the open road with the whole brood. Not only is a road trip a budget-conscious way to take a family holiday, but it's a terrific opportunity to really see Canada up close.

Before your trip, hold a family-planning session to get everybody excited about the upcoming adventure. Pour over guides together and talk about the various places on your mapped-out route that would appeal to the whole clan.

Once departure day arrives, designate the front passenger seat the "navigator's chair," and during the course of the trip let everyone have a seat in it — even if it's just for a few minutes — so everyone feels included.

Road trips provide the perfect opportunity to talk about family history, so think of creative ways to share family lore. There will be the inevitable "are we there yet?" questions, but in the end, your entire family will have memories to last a lifetime.

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Carradine remembered

Family, friends, former co-stars attend late actor's funeral Saturday

Hundreds gathered to honour David Carradine at a sprawling hillside cemetery on Saturday during a funeral that was attended by family, former co-stars and other Hollywood friends.

The invitation-only services were held indoors at the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills, a 400-acre cemetery laid out adjacent to Los Angeles' Griffith Park.

Mostly gloomy skies prevailed outside, with cold blasts of wind sweeping across the cemetery. The funeral lasted more than two hours and as more than 400 mourners left, clouds parted in the west offering a magnificent sunset.

Guests gathered and hugged outside the hall, where security ensured only invited guests gained entry. They gathered more than a week after Carradine, 72, was found hanging in a Bangkok hotel room on June 4. Thai authorities continue to investigate his death. A statement released Thursday by a private pathologist said suicide had been ruled out as a cause of death.

Carradine's family stayed out of sight from a small group of reporters and cameras. His burial was private. Brothers Keith and Robert Carradine asked for privacy and understanding while the family mourned in a statement released on Thursday.

Keith Carradine briefly appeared outside before the service and greeted some people before heading back inside.

Among the hundreds of guests were numerous actors, including Michael Madsen, Jane Seymour, Tom Selleck, Frances Fisher, Daryl Hannah, Lucy Liu, Edward James Olmos, Ali Larter, and James Cromwell. Rob Schneider also attended, carrying a basket of flowers.

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Michael Madsen and guest arrives to the funeral of David Carradine, inset, Saturday in Los Angeles.

Friends

- Michael Madsen and Lucy Liu both starred alongside Carradine in Quentin Tarantino's two-part Kill Bill saga. Carradine married his fifth wife, Annie Bierman, at Madsen's home in 2004.

Carradine is perhaps best known for his role as Kwai Chang Caine on three seasons of the 1970s hit show Kung Fu. His role in popular culture was cemented by the time he left the show after three seasons in 1975.

He later went on to star in the cult flick Death Race 2000 and in Ingmar Bergman's The Serpent's Egg in 1977, but by the 1980s his career arc had moved to lower-budget fare.

He continued to foster interests in Asian herbs, exercise and philosophy, and made instructional videos on tai chi and other martial arts.

Tarantino's Kill Bill films offered Carradine a career resurgence. His role as the titular character earned Carradine a Golden Globe nomination for best supporting actor for his role in Kill Bill - Vol. 2.

Carradine's father, John, was a character actor whose 50-year stage and screen career began during Hollywood's early years.

Some mourners on Saturday opted for bits of Western flair, with some sporting cowboy boots and hats and turquoise jewellery. Keith Carradine wore a bolo tie.

Programs handed out to guests included a photo of a smiling Carradine in a tuxedo on the cover and sketch of the actor on the back, above lyrics to Midnight Rider by The Allman Brothers Band.

The program indicated several remembrances by Carradine's family and song selections that included The Beatles' Let It Be and Ludwig von Beethoven's Requiem for a Fallen Hero.

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Court gives Madonna Mercy

PEOPLE There's mercy for Madonna — Malawi's highest court ruled Friday that the pop star can adopt a second child from the African nation, citing her love, determination, and "income tax returns."

In granting Madonna custody of three-year-old Chifundo "Mercy" James, the court extended the definition of residency and brushed aside concerns by human rights groups that the nation is bending laws meant to protect children in a country where half a million have lost a parent to AIDS.

"I am ecstatic," Madonna said in a statement in which she also thanked the court. "My family and I look forward to sharing our lives with her."

Madonna's lawyer Alan Chinula said the adoption was final with Friday's ruling, although this could not immediately be confirmed. He said he would now arrange a passport for Mercy, which could take several days, and was awaiting word from Madonna on travel plans for the little girl, whose mother died soon after giving birth.

James Kambewa, a man who claims to be Mercy's father — but acknowledges he's never seen her — told CBS News: "I'm crying. I need my baby. I don't know where I can find any help," the network said.

But Peter Baneti, an uncle, said the family welcomed Friday's ruling.

"We hope Mercy will be joining Madonna soon," he said by phone from his village just outside Blantyre.

Madonna founded a charity, Raising Malawi, here in 2006. It helps feed, educate and provide medical care for some of Malawi's orphans.

Chief Justice Lovemore Munlo said Madonna had shown herself to be "intelligent, compassionate, articulate and determined since the early age of six when her mother died," saying the young Madonna had helped raise her siblings.

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First try

- Madonna, 50, adopted a son, David, from Malawi last year. Her request to adopt Mercy was rejected in April by a lower court that said the star had not spent enough time in Malawi.

Madonna

Good things in small packages

CHRIS ALEXANDER
For Metro Canada

Though less glamorous and commercially viable than the feature, the short film is often the more compelling, sophisticated and experimental cinematic exercise, concentrating less on plot driven narrative than tone, texture, mood and portent.

And it's even more rewarding if you have a limited attention span.

The programming powers behind the Canadian Film Centre's Worldwide Short Film Festival are well aware of this quality and between June 17th and 21st at various Toronto theatres, they'll be unspooling a cavalcade of diverse work that challenge and inspire in less time than many motion pictures take to spill out their opening credits.

One of the most anticipated films at this year's fest is The Spine, the latest visionary effort from Oscar-winning Canadian animator Chris Landreth (Ryan). The Spine is a dark, visually disarming peek into marital dysfunction that boasts a dynamic, completely computer rendered palette and a bittersweet pint of view.

"Since I can remember I have seen people in marriages and have often been stunned by how these people can be together when the chemistry and dynamic in their marriage is so screwed up and so bizarre." Says Landreth of his current effort's thematic genesis.

"My hope was to getting into their souls using animation that I could make something ordinary into something extraordinary."

The Spine exemplifies the sort of daring work the WWSFF trades in and most importantly it evolves the unique, somewhat disturbing impressionist style Landreth coined in Ryan.

"The paintings of Francis Bacon have always been a strong influence on me," he admits. "What he did with realism and portraiture had a big effect on me. Putting psychology into the visuals is a big part of what I explore in my films."

(Above) Wallace and Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death will be screened at this year's short film fest; (right) The Spine, the latest visionary effort from Oscar winning Canadian animator Chris Landreth, is one of the most anticipated films at this year's fest.

For more

- For more information on The Spine and for complete festival schedule and showtimes go to worldwideshortfilmfest.com

White Stripes in the white North

DOCUMENTARY Two summers ago, the White Stripes embarked on an unorthodox tour with the ambitious goal of playing a show in every province and territory in Canada.

Now, frontman Jack White says the duo — which also includes drummer Meg White — will release a documentary about the tour that he predicts will be surprisingly revealing.

"It seems to be much more than a concert film," White said in an interview at a downtown Toronto hotel while doing publicity for his new band, the Dead Weather.

"I think Meg (White) and I gave away a lot more than we ever would have imagined we would want to."

In 2007, the Detroit rock duo set out on a Canadian tour that was unprecedented in its thoroughness.

Revealed

- Aside from the appeal of spotting Canadian landmarks, the documentary will also offer a rare inside look at a group that has always carefully maintained a certain mystique.

During the trek, the four-time Grammy winners frequently played unannounced gigs at a series of unusual locales, including a Saskatoon bowling alley and a youth drop-in centre in Edmonton.

White said he and Meg would brainstorm venues for the spontaneous performances each day.

"We didn't pre-plan it. I don't like to do that too much, because I think it ruins things."

White says he chose Canada for the tour because he has Canuck roots (he says four generations of his ancestors lived in Nova Scotia) and the band had never thoroughly explored the country.

"It just felt like such a vast, untapped place," said White. "... we realized that not even a Canadian band had ever done that. Which is wild, I can't even believe (it)."

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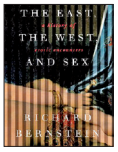
Western men's Eastern exploits

BookPicks

The East, the West and Sex

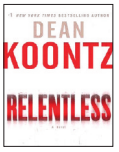
Author: Richard Bernstein
Publisher: Knopf
Price: $34 (Hardcover)



When considering the dynamic between East and West, we typically think of political, economic — and increasingly, religious — factors. But Richard Bernstein's new historical account explores global relations of another kind. Sex, maintains Bernstein, has been a great source of both suffering and satisfaction for those Eastern women who have been on the receiving end of Western men's pursuits. From popular figures such as Marco Polo and Gustave Flaubert, to lesser-known men who have shared their own exploits, Bernstein examines the impact of inter-hemispheric erotic encounters.

Relentless

Author: Dean Koontz
Publisher: Bantam Books
Price: $32 (Hardcover)



The adage, "We are our own worst critics," seems to have been lost on Cullen "Cubby" Greenwich. The author not only lives an idyllic life with his loving wife Penny, son Milo and dog Lassie; but he also enjoys a career that affords him personal fulfillment and a public profile. That is, until the book critic at the country's top newspaper tears his latest work apart. Cubby aims to ignore the vitriolic review, but an encounter with the critic at a restaurant changes his outlook. However, having stirred the reclusive reviewer, Cubby finds that he's being terrorized by a sociopath, putting his family in danger.

Shanghai Girls

Author: Lisa See
Publisher: Random House
Price: $28.95 (Hardcover)

Sisters Pearl and May Chin are living the high life in 1937 Shanghai. Then a byword for elegance and excess, the city is the backdrop for the girls' upbringing as they revel in their father's money. But when he loses the family fortune, Pearl and May are forced to leave home and be sold to prospective husbands. Having gone from riches to rags and living amidst Second World War combat, the sisters manage to escape China, landing outside Hollywood in Los Angeles. Lucky to be alive, the women must learn to adapt to a new country with husbands not of their choosing while battling Communist stereotypes.

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Christopher Lee knighted
Actor Christopher Lee, best known for his many villainous roles, was bestowed with a knighthood Saturday as part of the queen's birthday honours list. EONLINE.COM

Conrad's got Candy

Former Hills star pens novel about reality TV

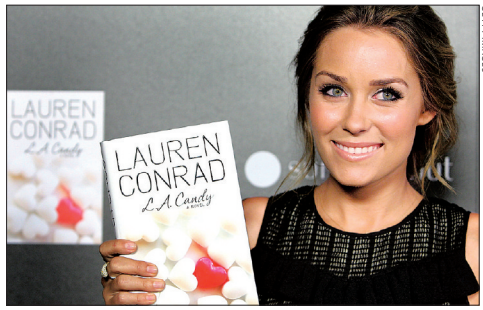
Lauren Conrad, until recently the star of MTV's reality series The Hills, sizes up the balding, middle-aged reporter sent to cover her debut as a novelist and emits an incredulous giggle.

"Dude, they made you read my book? It's for, like, 15-year-old girls," observes Conrad.

It's true. Editors can be cruel. Conrad was very much between things when she made a promotional stop in Toronto at the end of last month. The 23-year-old Laguna Beach native had just announced her decision to walk away from The Hills after five seasons.

She was also on the point of adding novelist to a resumé that includes work as would-be fashion designer and a recent cameo on Family Guy.

L.A. Candy is the first in a projected series of at least three novels about two California teens — one an aspiring party planner; the other a frosh at USC — recruited to appear in a reality TV show that vaguely resembles The Hills (at least as near as the reporter can judge from having watched half of one episode).



GETTY IMAGES
Lauren Conrad, the former star of TV show The Hills, arrives at launch of her book L.A. Candy in Beverly Hills last week.

"I wanted to write something that I really knew about," says Conrad. "I knew that I could write a very true story about what it would be like to be cast in a reality show — something you weren't necessarily looking for — and being thrown into that experience.

"I purposely didn't model characters after specific people or bring up specific events. A lot of things — like the interview process, the first time you get miked and being introduced to the whole situation — is pretty true to my experience. It's different people and different situations, but I had to write what I was familiar with."

Although L.A. Candy offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the not-so-real conventions of reality TV, Conrad insists that the book is not intended as a critical exposé.

"A reality show is a reality show," she says. "You can't make up two people hating each other. You can't make up a boyfriend cheating on a girlfriend. These things are all happening but it's not always easy to document because of all the other factors.

"So a lot of times the things that people say are altering reality are actually bringing it closer. The second book is going to show a little bit more about why the producers have to do these things."

Conrad also hopes that the book will eventually be made into a series.

"It would be a book written by a girl on a TV show, about the reality behind a TV show — that becomes a TV show. Something like that."

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office from Friday to Sunday, led by the comedy Hangover in its second week of release, according to studio estimates:

1. **The Hangover:** $33.4 million US
2. **Up:** $30.5 million
3. **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** $25 million
4. **Night at the Museum 2:** $9.6 million
5. **Land of the Lost:** $9.2 million
6. **Imagine That:** $5.7 million
7. **Star Trek:** $5.6 million
8. **Terminator Salvation:** $4.7 million
9. **Angels & Demons:** $4.2 million
10. **Drag Me To Hell:** $3.9 million

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	210	302	6 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	*René Lévesque II* (2009, Biography) (DVS)				CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		The Bachelorette (N)				Here Come the Newlyweds (N)		News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Big Bang Th	Two/Half Men	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		News (N)
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How I Met Your Mother
Much to the dismay of her current friends, Robin rediscovers the "Woo Girls," a group of single women who like to party. Ted pitches Barney a design for his company's headquarters but fails to take into account Barney's insatiable appetite for the awesome in "Woooo!" 8:30 PM on CBS E!

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Bigger is not better. Really. In "World's Biggest Thing," Dog River residents realize giant-sized objects attract tourists. And it's the mayor's granny who comes up with the perfect idea — but the name of the landmark has a double entendre. Oscar's marriage is threatened by a romantic stalker. 11:30 AM on COM

Two and a Half Men
Kids bring so much joy into your world. They also bring bills. Big bills. Ever heard of college? So when Evelyn offers to pay for Jake's college education, Alan wonders if he ever needs to work again, since all his money goes to Jake's college fund. Just think about it — disposable income! 8:30 PM on CTV: 9 PM on CBS

Dumped beauty queen speaks out

Former Miss California USA Carrie Prejean told Matt Lauer on NBC'S Today Friday that she lost her crown because of a comment she made about gay marriage and not because she had been skipping appearances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tourism hits warp speed in Vulcan ... Alberta

Before hitching its fortunes to the Starship Enterprise, the southern Alberta town of Vulcan had dropped out of warp speed and appeared to be drifting into anonymity.

It wasn't far from being a ghost town, a place nobody — boldly or otherwise — appeared ready to visit. The hotel on the main strip was boarded up, the top two floors condemned. Many other businesses in the town of 1,942 people were also shuttered.

"It used to be on afternoons, downtown, you could shoot a cannon and not hit anybody," says resident Pat Wisener.

Now, thanks to word of mouth from loyal Trekkers who keep coming back, ever-expanding attractions and a boost from actor Leonard Nimoy, the town is taking flight as a standalone tourist destination.

Vulcan, which shares its name with the home planet of Spock from the original series, months ago had launched a high-profile quest for the Canadian premiere of the latest blockbuster Star Trek movie.

That mission failed. But after Nimoy, who portrayed the original Spock, called up the media to complain that the community was being "illogically'" ignored, Vulcan got a Calgary-based sneak peek — and a whole lot of publicity. More visitors since the movie's release last month have led to an almost 30 per cent increase in tourist numbers compared to last year at this time, said tourism co-ordinator Dayna Dickens.

"For tourism in small-town Alberta, that's really phenomenal, especially in this year of economic downtime." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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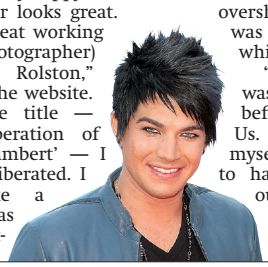
Kylie the Catholic?
Reportedly set to marry Spanish model Andres Valencoso, Kylie Minogue may convert to Catholicism for the ceremony. A source said: "Kylie is so intent on including the traditional aspects of a Catholic mass that she's thinking of converting." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Coming out 'liberating'

IDENTITY American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert doesn't have any regrets about coming out in the new issue of Rolling Stone, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm really happy with it. The cover looks great. It was great working with (photographer) Matthew Rolston," he told the website. "And the title — 'The Liberation of Adam Lambert' — I do feel liberated. I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders."



The 27-year-old told Rolling Stone he never declared his sexual orientation on Idol because he felt it would have been "so sensationalized that it would overshadow what I was there to do, which was sing.

"It's not like I was holding back before," he told Us. "I was being myself, but it's nice to have everything out in the open."

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Lily desperate for love?

PERMA-SINGLE Lily Allen is desperate for a boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose latest relationship with art dealer Jay Jopling ended after a month — hates attending showbiz parties alone and has begged friends to set her up with a new man.

A source said: "Lily hates being single — she needs a man in her life ... She wants someone to hold her hand for all the red-carpet events she attends. "She's even been asking friends to set her up on dates. She can't seem to meet anyone, and it's making her miserable."

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Baldwin house in foreclosure?

FINANCIAL WOES While he's in Costa Rica shooting I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here, Stephen Baldwin is facing foreclosure on his house, according to the Associated Press. Baldwin and his wife owe more than $824,000 US in mortgage payments. Their Rockland County, N.Y., home will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on June 24.

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Pete in legal trouble again

UH OH Troubled rocker Pete Doherty was back before a judge again, this time after allegedly leading cops on a wild late-night chase in the U.K.

Doherty denied a charge of dangerous driving but pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of class A drugs and driving without a licence and insurance, according to the Daily Star. He reportedly "whooped" when he was granted bail.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Miley rebounds with ex Nick?

TOGETHER AGAIN? Less than a week after Miley Cyrus split from model Justin Gaston, the star admits that she has "reconnected" with ex-boyfriend, Nick Jonas, people.com reports.

"He's my best friend, and we still hang out all the time, and we've definitely reconnected," the Hannah Montana star told a Tennessee radio station on Friday. "We don't know what's going to happen in the future, but right now we're just kicking it and hanging out as much as we can."

The pair, both 16, was spotted on June 9, jet-skiing together on Tybee Island, where Cyrus is filming her new movie The Last Song. "They looked like they were having a blast," says an observer.

When asked about the excursion during her interview, Cyrus said "no comment" but mentioned, "I'm a jet ski demon!"

Cyrus and Jonas broke up in December 2007, after which "I bawled for a month straight," Cyrus told Seventeen magazine. But the two recently reunited when they collaborated on a duet with the Jonas Brothers and worked on the Disney's Friends for Change campaign.

"We both just kind of saw each other again and kind of decided this whole thing was stupid and ... we all were over the separation," Cyrus said on-air. "And our families are super happy that we're hanging out again."

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Jennifer hopes life imitates art

TOO HONEST Jennifer Aniston has a plan for achieving a future without love life complications — and it's all in her choice of movie titles, people.com reports.

On stage to accept the Women In Film's Crystal Award for expanding the role of women in the entertainment industry, Aniston pointed out that her personal fortunes over the past several years have been reflected in the titles of her films.

"I'm trying to be more careful than I have been in the past about the titles of movies that I choose to be in," she revealed. "It's funny — I kind of noticed something a couple years ago that there seemed to be this strange parallel to the movies I was doing and my life off screen."

"It started with, well, The Good Girl," Aniston explained. "Then that evolved into Rumor Has It, followed by Derailed, and then there was The Breakup. And then on the lighter side was Friends with Money, which I felt was a bit on the nose."

"So if any of you have a project titled Everlasting Love with an Adult, Stable Male...," she concluded.

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Susan will sing ... for $212,360

CASH GRAB Britain's Got Talent phenom Susan Boyle is set to cash in on her fame by reportedly charging a whopping £115,000 ($212,360) to play 12-minute sets at corporate events around the world, popeater.com reports.

An email from the singer's agent, sent to a possible client, dropped the large figure, which would get the client three songs.

"She's the biggest star to have come out of Britain's Got Talent, so her price to sing reflects that," a source close to the singer told the News of the World. "These fees mean it will take 10 dates for her to make a million pounds, which is unprecedented for a reality-show winner."

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Why the fat obsession, Nia asks

RANT Nia Vardalos says it doesn't matter that she's written and starred in a few blockbusters — all people ask her about is her slimmed-down shape, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's just weight. Just 40 pounds of fat now gone from my body, but wow, it's pretty much all I get asked about. In the last year, I got to star in a movie, wrote and directed my next one, and adopted a three-year-old from American Foster Care. But guess what I'm asked... how did I lose the weight?" the My Life in Ruins actress, 46, wrote on CNN's AC360 Blog.

"I thought I was attractive when I shot My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Studio executives and movie reviewers let me know I had a confidence in my looks that was not shared by them," she says. "In other words, they labelled me with words like: Overweight, unattractive, unappealing.

"Hey, just say fat. I love the word fat. I used it in the title," she goes on. "It's actually not a naughty word. We give it a power it actually doesn't have. So, you're fat. Big deal."

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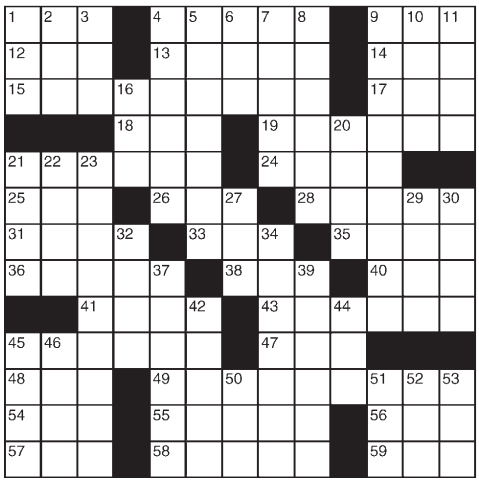

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4 Regions
9 Pismire
12 Vast expanse
13 Ballroom favourite
14 Actress Myrna
15 Letter from the Vatican
17 Cleopatra's slayer
18 Floral garland
19 Undeveloped stage
21 Reacted in horror
24 Leeway
25 "Uh-huh"
26 Thickness
28 Dynamite inventor Alfred
31 Disposition
33 Formal 25-Across
35 "I never — man I didn't like"
36 Porcine sniffer
38 Pen point
40 Varnish ingredient
41 Small salamander
43 In a whimsical way
45 IOU signer
47 Listener
48 Swiss canton
49 Sandbox toy, maybe
54 Zero
55 Mohammedanism
56 Pod denizen
57 Kenan's co-star on Nickelodeon
58 Autocrats
59 Upper surface

Crossword down

1 Kreskin's claim
2 Meadow
3 Orienteering aid
4 Dormant
5 With great intensity
6 Ostrich's cousin
7 More skilled
8 Canned fish
9 Warning signal
10 Too curious
11 Error in print
16 Matterhorn, for one
20 Prosperous time
21 Workout venues
22 Charlize Theron film, "— Flux"
23 Ibis' kin
27 Hankering
29 Handy Latin abbr.
30 Frilly
32 Song for two
34 Motorcycle attachment
37 Cheap
39 Lullaby composer
42 Lock of hair
44 Sphere
45 Basketball tactic
46 A Great Lake
50 Chicken — king
51 Suitable
52 Zodiac sign
53 Once around the track

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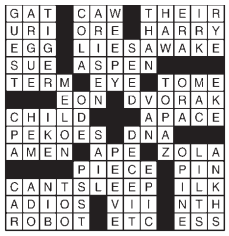

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Chicken with Mixed Salad Greens

INGREDIENTS:

2 skinless chicken breast fillets
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1 head oak leaf lettuce
1 small head curly endive (frisée) lettuce
1 head radicchio
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 small lemon
3 scallions, finely sliced
8 oz (250 g) button mushrooms, thinly sliced

DRESSING:

1/2 cup (125 g/4 oz) light sour cream
1/2 cup (125 g/4 oz) yogurt
1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) white wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Cut chicken into strips. Place chicken and garlic in bowl. Stir to combine. Chill, covered, 1 hour. Cut or tear oak leaf lettuce, curly endive and radicchio into small pieces. Place in a large bowl.
2. Heat butter in nonstick pan over medium heat. Cook chicken until golden brown and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.
3. For dressing, whisk sour cream, yogurt, oil, vinegar and mustard in bowl until combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir dressing into salad greens. Distribute salad greens among serving plates.
4. Peel thin strips of rind from lemon. Place chicken, scallions, mushrooms and lemon rind on top of salad greens.

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APRIL 21-MAY 21
A high-ranking individual will give you a hard time today. They may not be entirely fair in their criticisms but you are advised not to respond in kind.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Jupiter in one of the more decisive areas of your chart endows you with lots of enthusiasm but be sensible about what you can do. Don't strive too hard.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There is no point trying to keep disturbing information from loved ones and relatives today. One way or another they will find out soon enough.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will need to be a lot more flexible where relationships are concerned this week. What you get will depend on what you are prepared to give.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you learn from mistakes, this week should be fun and profitable. While others refuse to change their ways you will be quietly moving with the times.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Jupiter in your fellow air sign of Aquarius endows you with limitless self-confidence, but you would be wise not to get carried away.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be tempted to criticize someone, but the planets advise strongly that you bite your tongue and keep your thoughts to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
What was such a big mystery to you yesterday will seem perfectly obvious today. How you got so confused is anyone's guess, but don't dwell on it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's OK to be outspoken but don't go too far and say things that turn important people against you — even if what you say is entirely true.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your lucky streak is not coming to an end, but you do need to be more selective when choosing friends and business partners.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20
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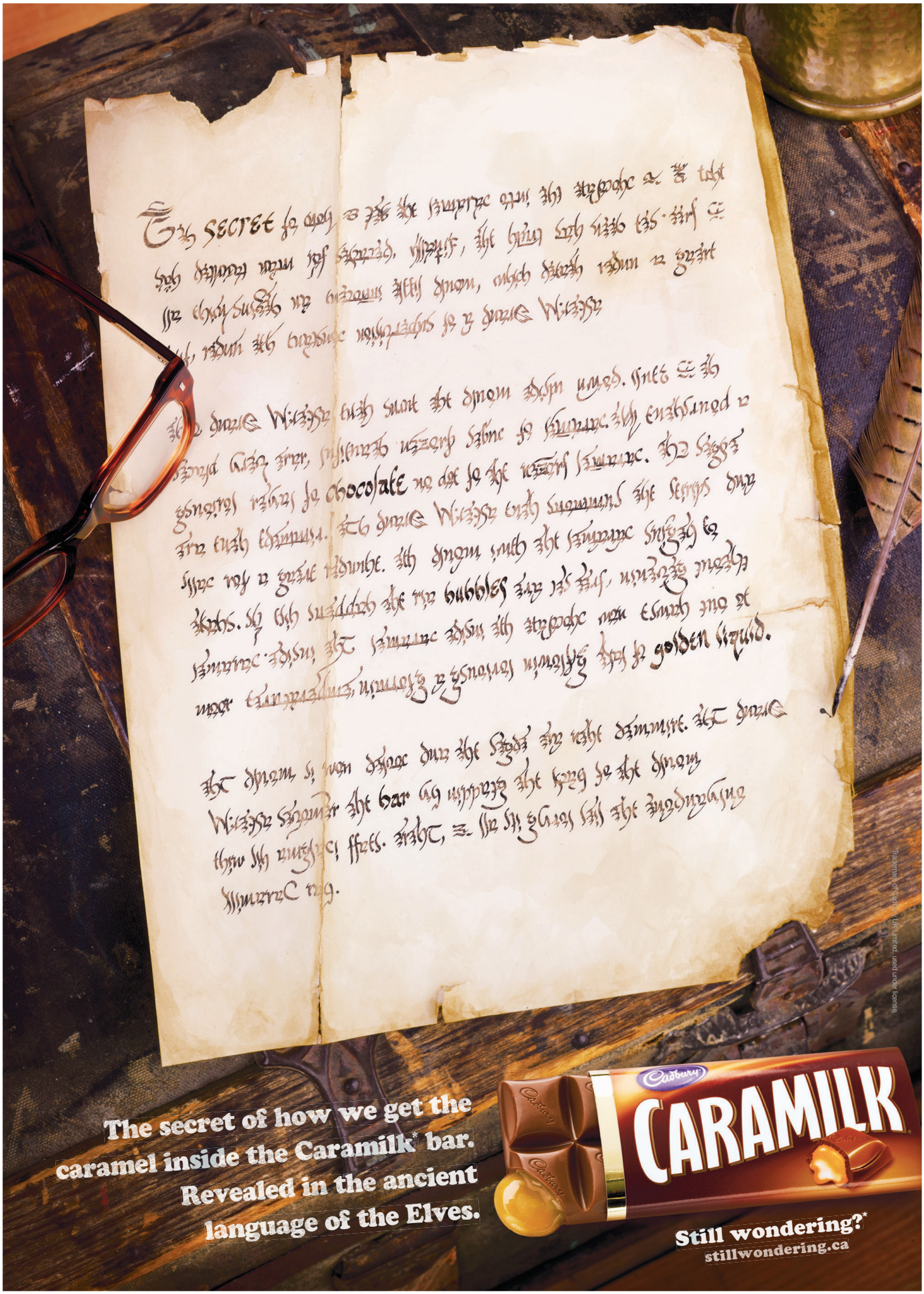
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